



CALIFORNIA VETERANS BOARD

Meeting Minutes #727

August 18, 2010



Tom Moran, Chair
Thomas Richards, Vice Chair
Vernon Chong, Board Member

Donna L. Dacier, Board Member
Derek McGinnis, Board Member
Glenn Yokum, Board Member

The California Veterans Board met in Sacramento at the California Department of Veterans Affairs at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Moran, Chair, Thomas Richards, Vice Chair, Vernon Chong, Member, Donna Dacier, Member, Derek McGinnis, Member, Glenn Yokum, Member
Chairman Moran presided.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOMING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Moran welcomed the three new Board members to their first meeting as well as the group in attendance and thanked them for attending the meeting. The Chair then asked the Board Members to introduce themselves and give a little of their background. He then introduced the Undersecretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, Rocky Chavez.

Undersecretary Chavez welcomed the group and introduced the Department staff, Chief Legal Counsel Rob Wilson, Deputy Secretary of Administration, Jack Kirwan, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Services Division Ted Puntillo, Deputy Secretary of Communications and Legislation J.P. Tremblay, Deputy Secretary of Farm and Home Jim Lowrey, Deputy Secretary of Women Veterans, Deputy Secretary of Welcome Home Program Daniel Nelan, and Veterans Services, Homeless Coordinator Veronica Badillo.

MINUTES

Executive Officer, Bonnie Kelly

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 Board minutes. Member Chong moved to approve the minutes. Member Richards seconded.
Motion unanimously approved and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

DEPARTMENT FORUM

A. Strategic Plan

Jack Kirwan updated the Board on the progress and status of the Department's Strategic Plan for the current year, and the goal for next year.

B. California Veterans Needs Assessment Survey

Jack Kirwan explained the procedure and the results of the Needs Assessment Survey that the Department conducted from February 1 through May 17, 2010, in an effort to evaluate the needs of California's Veterans.

C. Operation Welcome Home Program

Dan Nelan gave a brief overview of the Program and how it started, and briefed the Board on the addition of staffing, work on the website, and current efforts in progress.

D. New Homeless Coordinator

Veronica Badillo introduced herself, and updated the Board on the Department's homeless outreach program.

E. New Homes Update

Stan Oppgard gave the Board a progress report on the new homes and their admissions to date.

F. Significant Matters

Rob Wilson updated the Board on the pending Yountville litigation.

G. Farm and Home/ Jim Lowrey

Jim Lowrey gave an overview of the loan program and the status of the portfolio.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved into Closed Session to discuss Department personnel issues.

The Board reconvened into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Receive Appeal

Chair Moran deemed the Farm and Home loan appeal for Jerry Jaramillo received. His appeal will be heard at the next meeting, if not resolved.

B. Committee Appointments

The appointments were tabled due to a lack of time until the next meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:40 PM.